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WANT JUDGMENT FOR THIS STATE

Virginia Debt Commission to Take Action Against West Virginia.

For the purpose of deciding upon the next step in the long continued efforts to make West Virginia pay a portion of the old State debt, the Virginia Debt Commission will meet to-morrow at noon at the Jefferson Hotel.

As stated in The Times-Dispatch several weeks ago, the presence of the Virginia commissioners seems to be exhausted, and it is believed that the body will at this time ask the Supreme Court of the United States to enter a judgment against West Virginia. Further, it is expected that the court will be requested to instruct some one to make an estimate on the amount of interest due this State by West Virginia.

Virginia Won Suit.

After many years of solicitation and attempted conciliatory methods without avail, Virginia entered suit in 1904 to enforce the payment of one-third of the debt contracted prior to the War between the States, and before West Virginia was formed. The matter went its length through the Supreme Court of the United States, and it was recommended that the States get together on the subject of interest.

Believing that West Virginia would be ready to take up the matter, the Virginia Debt Commission addressed a communication to Governor Glasgow, asking him to lay the situation before the Legislature of his State. That body met and adjourned without taking the slightest notice of Virginia's overtures nor of the Supreme Court's decision. It seems probable that the next step will be one which will convince West Virginia that she would have done better to treat with this State.

Harwood Addresses Meeting.

Colonel J. S. Harwood, of Richmond, recently nominated for the House of Delegates on the Democratic ticket, last Friday delivered an address before the Pennsylvania Millers' Association at Atlantic City, N. J., in which he advocated uniform legislation for the protection of farmers and promotion of the milling industry through scientific education, made possible by State aid.

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SOLDIER SPENT MONTH IN PRISON

Failed to Attend Culpeper Camp and Was Held in City Jail.

SEVEN TRIED YESTERDAY

Various Excuses Offered—Court-Martial Sits Again To-Day.

After spending about thirty days in jail, where he was held because he was unable to give bond, J. C. Hubbard, a private in Company A, First Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, was yesterday morning taken before a general court-martial, which sat in the Seventh Street Armory, and was tried on charges of failure to attend the encampment at Culpeper and neglecting his military duties. It seems Hubbard had hurt his foot and was unable to go to camp.

With forty-two other soldiers of the local battalion, Hubbard was summoned some time ago for trial on this charge. He failed to respond, and a warrant was later issued out for him, and placed in the hands of the civil authorities for service. He was placed under \$500 bond for his appearance at the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel B. W. Salomonsky, of Norfolk, of the First Regiment, who had been designated to furnish the required security. Hubbard was committed to jail, where he stayed until taken out yesterday morning. After his trial he was permitted to return to his home.

Others Are Tried.

Six other privates of the local battalion who were accused of the same offense charged against Hubbard were also given a hearing by the court, which was composed of Colonel Salomonsky, Major Clinton L. Wright, of Norfolk, adjutant of the First Brigade, and Captain I. Branch Johnson, of Norfolk, commanding Battery B, First Battalion, Field Artillery. Captain Jennings C. Wise, of Richmond, adjutant of the field artillery battalion, acted as judge-advocate. The court opened shortly after 10 o'clock and continued in session until 3, when it adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. It is probable that the work will be concluded to-day.

Proceedings yesterday were retarded to a great extent by the failure to have material witnesses present, and many of the accused men were also absent. The court was somewhat impatient at what was being done, and after several hours of delay, the conference adjourned to the night session.

Agree on Name.

Only one vote was taken at night, and the name of "Monument Methodist" was unanimously adopted, and will in all probability be continued at the next quarterly conference. Thus at an early date, there will stand, facing the Lee Monument, a beautiful edifice, a monument, as its name applies, to Methodism in that section of Richmond. The site is regarded as one of the best in the entire West End, if not in the city.

The foundations have all been completed, the Sunday school nearly so, and on to-morrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the corner-stone will be laid with Masonic ceremonies.

Exercise will precede the laying of the corner-stone, in which Governor Mann and other prominent speakers will take part. The quartet choir from the church will render music, and all the Methodist ministers in the city, stewards of the various boards of cupy seats on the platform. Other speakers on the program, besides the Governor, who will make the principal address, are Dr. W. Asbury Christian, presiding elder of the Richmond District; Dr. B. F. Lipscomb, formerly presiding elder of the West Richmond District; John W. Branch and J. A. Briggs, chairman of the Methodist Stewards' Association.

The pastor, Rev. Lloyd T. Williams, will preside. Members of the building committee, which has charge of the construction of the new church, will have seats in the front row. They are D. V. Morton, chairman; Charles E. Willis, George E. Massie, B. R. Dudley, Irving L. Sutherland, T. B. Toy, Julian W. Tyler and R. C. Traylor.

Has Good Prospect.

This church is now in a flourishing condition, having at present about 500 members. Great numbers of Methodists have within the last two or three years moved into that section of the city, most of them in permanent homes, who still retain their membership in prominent sections, because of the fact that there has been no other Methodist Church in this district. The "Monument Methodist" is completed, the past is able to take care of from 1,000 to 1,200, and the predictions are that it will grow rapidly.

The present officers of the church, upon whom devolve the success of this work, are as follows: Rev. L. T. Williams, pastor, who is now closing his third year, and who will, it is expected, be returned to complete his four years; and the following stewards: B. R. Dudley, chairman; J. D. Briggs, J. Lee Davis, J. L. Mann, M. P. Gordon, W. F. Hasse, George E. Massie, W. M. Miller, D. V. Morton, A. W. Pearce, W. Robertson, Herbert L. Richardson, Thomas E. Stagg, Irving L. Sutherland, R. C. Traylor, T. B. Toy, Julian W. Tyler, Charles K. Willis.

ALUMNI PROTESTS

Richmond Chapter Would Have Dr. Denny Remain at Washington and Lee. Resolutions protesting against the acceptance by Dr. George H. Denny, president of Washington and Lee University, of the offer to become the head of the University of Alabama, were adopted yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the Richmond Chapter of the Washington and Lee Alumni Association. Colonel J. Lane Stern, president of the chapter, was in the chair. A resolution, introduced by G. Carrington Moseley, was unanimously adopted, setting forth, that "in view of Dr. Denny's great work and success at the State of Virginia, and that it is the earnest and sincere desire of the Richmond alumni that he continue to head of the institution over which he has presided with distinguished success for the past ten years."

FIRE THREATENED STOVE FOUNDRY

Blaze Extinguished in Time to Save East Main Street Plant.

DELAY WILL CAUSE LOSS

Four Engine Companies and Truck Do Quick and Effective Work.

Though extinguished before it had inflicted great damage, fire early last night seriously threatened the buildings of the Richmond Stove Company, 2501 East Main Street, and it was thought at first that the blaze would be extensive and would leave as much damage behind as did the fire of some time ago. Fortunately, however, several engine companies and a truck company, under the direction of Chief Ruffo, arrived in time, and in half an hour the flames were extinguished and the tale of harm was told.

The flames originated in what is termed the cupola, between the main building and the foundry, where stand a large melting pot and furnace. It is supposed that burning coals fell to the floor from the furnace and thus set fire to the woodwork surrounding it. The flames created a great light, and some one in the neighborhood turned on the alarm of the night watchman. He was on his rounds at the time and was in another part of the building when the fire broke out. The flames extended into the roof, where, and in the cupola, they were confined by four streams of water.

Delay Will Result.

The main loss lies probably in the delay which will be incurred in the foundry, which lies in the rear of the main building. The foundry was flooded in the efforts of the firemen to extinguish the flames, and the sand which is used for molding purposes will take two days in drying. It will take as long to dry the floors of the building. A delay of two days will probably result, and for that time more than 100 men will be out of work.

Other parts of the building were not touched by either fire or water, and in the usual work will proceed this morning. The damage will amount to probably \$1,200, though it may reach to a larger figure when the adjustment is made to-day.

Chief Ruffo was at home when the alarm came in a few minutes after 10 o'clock from box 32, and without waiting for his buggy, for he knew that the box was situated in a dangerous neighborhood, he ran to the scene of the fire. He was assisted by Captain Gill, Engine Companies 1, 2, 7 and 8 responded, with No. 2 truck.

HOLDS UP PETITION

Judge Waddill Will Not Conflict With State Court's Action.

Because the matter is pending before a trustee in the state courts, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., who has returned from Norfolk, yesterday denied a creditors' petition praying for the appointment of a receiver for the Morrison Machinery and Supply Company (Inc.). He allowed a petition asking that the concern be adjudicated an involuntary bankrupt. These papers were filed last week.

Judge Waddill is expected to remain in Richmond until the opening of the autumn term of the District and Circuit Courts, which will be on October 2. Petit and grand juries for service at this term will be drawn to-day.

Carrier Pigeon Retts.

A carrier pigeon, numbered "A. B. 43973" and with the letters "J. C." on a Masonic keystone, flew into a window on the fourth floor of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company's building, at Twelfth and Main Streets, yesterday. Alighting on the desk of Chief Clerk E. E. Wingfield, it went to sleep, evidently from exhaustion. Mr. Wingfield took the bird home, fed it and will release it to-day.

Council Committees.

The Council Committees on Finance, Improvement of the James River, Ordinance, Charter and Reform will meet at the City Hall to-night at 8 o'clock.

Khorassan Knights to Meet.

Grand Emir Greery, who represented Beni-Mora Temple, D. O. K. K., at the national convention, will make his report at a meeting to be held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in Fraternity Hall.

REFUSES TO PAY STANDARD'S BILL

Street Committee Informed That Oiling Contract Has Been Grossly Violated.

SEWER WORK ALSO BEHIND

Smith Cannot Secure Brick. Cary Street Widening Plans Tabled.

Report was made to the Council Committee on Streets last night by City Engineer Charles E. Bolling that the Standard Oil Company had utterly failed to live up to its contract in oiling city streets, and the Engineer read a letter he had written to J. W. Graves, agent for the Standard Company, informing him that the bill would not be paid. The committee indorsed the stand taken by the City Engineer.

The work done up to this time embraces about \$7,000 square yards, and while not yet fully measured up, the bill will amount to several thousand dollars. The specifications in the contract require that of the composition used 50 per cent. was to be asphalt, making a permanent blinder of the oil. Samples of the preparation used in several sections of the city were submitted to City Chemist Whitfield, who, on analysis, could find no trace of asphalt whatever. The preparation used was merely, he reported, a dark oil which was readily absorbed.

Dust Deeper Than Before.

Mr. Gunst called special attention to the condition of Meadow Street and West Grace Street, oiled recently by the Standard Oil Company. Formerly, he said, these streets had been covered with yellow dust, now they were even deeper with black dust. Mr. Bolling agreed that much of the work done was absolutely worthless, not even having laid the dust. Mr. Gunst announced his opposition to spending street money intended for the improvement of the city in oiling and other temporary dust-laying expedients. Mr. Lynch agreed that the Standard Oil Company had acted in bad faith with a subcommittee which had gone to Baltimore to see oil sold streets, in falling utterly to give the same service.

Under advice of Acting Chairman Pollock, the action of the City Engineer in rejecting the bill was approved. "They will never get a penny for the work they have done in Richmond, and they know it," was Mr. Pollock's assertion.

Boasting Must Give Up Contract.

Mr. Bolling brought to the attention of the committee the interminable delays of Contractor Donnell on the Gillie's Creek bridge, the most important part of the plan for opening new Lester Street. The City Engineer stated that Contractor Donnell had never had on the ground the appliances, equipment or force to execute the work, that the time for completion of the entire contract had expired, and the contractor was not yet out of the mud and had not poured any concrete at all.

Attorney James L. Anderson appeared for Contractor Donnell and frankly admitted that his client was financially embarrassed and unable to carry out the work, but said that he hoped to get assistance from his bonding company or to sublet the contract. Mr. Lynch asserted that he should not have bid unless in a position to take the work, and that it was no use jumping on the City Engineer for failure to execute work when the contractor fails to back him up and allows contractors and their bondsmen to take their own time. Mr. Bolling read many letters sent to Contractor Donnell urging him to begin work.

The matter was referred to the City Engineer to power to act, either to reject the contract or to employ men to finish the work. "It will not take me long to decide what to do with Mr. Donnell," said Mr. Bolling.

Smith Also Behind Time.

While on the subject, Mr. Bolling reported the contracting firm of I. J. Smith and Co. as far behind time on contract work for sewers. Mr. Smith, who was present, claimed that it had been impossible to secure brick, and asked permission to use concrete construction, with brick lining. The committee objected to changing the specifications, as unfair to other bidders, and Mr. Bolling stated that the contractor Maynard had told him he could supply the brick. Mr. Smith said it appeared that some contractors were favored by the brick yards at the expense of others; that his supplies were always delivered last. Mr. Smith said it would take 1,000,000 brick to finish work he now has under way in the city.

"If you can't get them in Richmond you should buy them elsewhere," said Mr. Lynch. Mr. Smith said city inspectors had recently condemned the greater part of two carloads of brick on the ground. The matter was referred to the City Engineer to report whether brick could be secured, and whether the method of construction should be changed.

The Boulevard and Hermitage Road leading to the Fair Grounds were ordered oiled previous to the State Fair.

Experimental Paving.

The Virginia Railway and Power Company was allowed to make an experiment of a new type of paving between the tracks on Seventh Street from Broad to Main, the paving to be replaced at the cost of the company if found unsatisfactory.

The application for the widening of Cary Street west of the Boulevard was tabled because of the failure of abutting property owners to sign releases, and the City Engineer was instructed to proceed with grading and graveling the street from the Boulevard to the corporate limits at its present width.

The application of the Richmond and Henrico Railway for a general lighting franchise was referred to a subcommittee of seven, of which Mr. Lynch will be chairman. The application of the same company for track extensions in the western part of the city, passed by at the request of Samuel L. Kelley, attorney for the company.

The Lynch Interchangeable ticket ordinance was made a special order for a meeting on September 2.

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Answering a call Sunday afternoon to his own home, at 510 South Harrison Street, John Drake, chauffeur for the city ambulance, fearing that some terrible accident had befallen some member of his family, drove the heavy machine at top speed, and arrived in time with Dr. Hulcher, of the City Hospital corps, to render medical assistance to his youngest daughter and to his little grandchild, who had been rendered unconscious by a fall down a flight of fifteen stairs.

Mrs. Knightley, daughter of Mr. Drake, and her husband were spending Sunday at her parents' home. The youngest daughter went upstairs to bring the baby down, and when half-way to the bottom caught her shoe in one of the stairs. She fell and rolled to the bottom. Picking herself up, she ran to the baby's side and saw that it was unconscious. Though shocked and bruised herself, she managed to carry the child in to its mother, and assistance was sought of two physicians in the neighborhood. But both were out, and a neighbor called the city ambulance.

Mr. Drake kept a cool head under the stress and drove the car with a steady nerve. He was much relieved to find that the accident was no worse. Both patients were reported to be recovering yesterday.

EDWARD FOSTER IS REFUSED BAIL

Henrico Man Held on Serious Charge Will Be Arraigned on Monday.

Because of the absence from the city of L. O. Wendenburg, who has been retained by the defense, the trial of Edward Foster, the Henrico county farmer charged with a capital offense against Ada Catherine Meeks, a fifteen-year-old girl placed in his care by the Children's Home Society of Virginia, has been postponed to 11 o'clock next Monday. Application was made yesterday for bail, but this was refused because of the gravity of the alleged offense.

The defendant, when seen at the county jail yesterday, was singing a hymn, and seemed to be in an altogether equable frame of mind. He insists that he is innocent of the charge, and claims that he was trumped up against him by enemies. He had no statement to make.

The case will be aired before Justice Puryear Monday morning, at which time some sensational evidence, it is claimed, will be introduced by the State. A number of witnesses have been summoned to bear out the charges in the warrant. Commonwealth's Attorney Julian Gunn, who is at present out of the city, will return Friday and take active charge of the prosecution.

FAILED TO LEARN CAUSE OF WRECK

Coroner's Verdict Non-Committal. Engineer Saw Rocks on Track.

In the inquest held yesterday at Bennett's undertaking establishment over the body of Robert E. Byrd, the fireman who was killed in the disastrous wreck on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad at Laurel Saturday afternoon, when train No. 15 was derailed, the coroner's jury brought in a non-committal verdict, no definite cause for the wreck having been found.

Engineer Charles C. Cooper, of Washington, who was running the engine at the time, and whose life was somewhat miraculously saved, was the most important witness. He said that just after the little station at Laurel he passed he noticed two rocks as large as his fist on the right rail. He applied the brakes and cried to his companion, Frank L. Koonz, the regular engineer on that run, and the fireman, Mr. Cooper believes that these rocks derailed the engine and caused the fearful wreck.

Conductor J. A. Thompson, Henry A. Usher, brakeman, and Wallace Shelton, a colored porter, were examined, but they were unable to throw any light on the cause of the accident.

Engine Without Defect.

Attorney W. D. Cardwell, who appeared for the company, said that an examination had been made of the engine and that it had been found without defect. The roadbed and the rails and ties were so torn up and scattered that it will be almost impossible to determine whether there was any defect in the track.

Engineer Cooper was of the opinion that the derailment was caused by the rocks, for immediately after striking them the engine lurched and then lost the rails.

Further investigation will be made by the railway company officials.

The body of Engineer Koonz was sent to Roanoke yesterday afternoon for burial, and the body of fireman Byrd was sent to Clifton Forge for burial. Both were accompanied by delegations from the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, who will act as pallbearers.

NOT SAME ROY C. SMITH

Naval Officer in Trouble Not Related to Richmond Man.

To settle confusion which has arisen in the minds of some local residents, it is explained that the Lieutenant Roy C. Smith, of the United States Army, reported to be under serious charges, is no relative of Captain Roy C. Smith, a former Richmond man. The latter married a daughter of the late Rear-Admiral W. T. Sampson, and his services are valued so highly by the Navy Department that he is slated to command the Dreadnought Arkansas when it is put into commission.

Captain Roy C. Smith is a son of Dr. Charles Henry Smith of this city, who was First Assistant Surgeon-General of the Confederate Army, and won much distinction in that position.

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THIRTY DAYS FOR STEALING MELON

Boy Less Than Fifteen Years Old Works With Felons on Roads.

A boy not yet fifteen years old, sentenced to work thirty days on the roads of Chesterfield county and herded at night among criminals, all for stealing one watermelon, was the pitiful story brought to light by the arrest yesterday in South Richmond of Johnnie Cordie on the charge of being a fugitive from justice.

Johnnie is one of those unfortunate ones who never get a chance. Left at an early age an orphan, he has had to shift for himself, and, according to his story, he does not know his A B C's, and has had no opportunity to learn them. Norfolk is his original home, but he has drifted about seeking work. He was lucky at Raleigh and saved a little money, enough to start him on the road to seek his sister, who, he says, lives somewhere in Richmond. Reaching Petersburg, and finding his little store had given out, he started to walk the twenty-three miles to Richmond. Being a boy and a hungry boy at that, a watermelon attracted him, and he picked it up, picked and ate the forbidden fruit, and went on his way refreshed. Fate overtook him in the shape of a farmer and a shotgun, and Johnnie became a convict.

With only six more days left to serve, he took his just chance and ran. He was soon missed, and guards coming by rail headed him off at the Free Bridge, his only avenue of escape. Footsore and weary, Johnnie did not give up when he spied them, but turned and fled up Semmes Street, hotly pursued. Exhausted, he crept under a house for refuge, but was found, dragged out, dirt-covered, by the feet, his hands tied together with rope and his feelings soothed by the remark of one of the guards, in reply to a question of a reporter, that he would probably be let off light with three times thirty-nine. This for a fourteen-year-old boy's fall in taking one watermelon.

It is understood that Ben P. Owen will take up the boy's case and have him sent to the Laurel Reform School.

RECOUNT HENRICO VOTE

Three Defeated Candidates Wish to Look at Ballots.

Secretary of the Henrico County Democratic Committee, sent out notifications yesterday to the members of the committee to meet at the courthouse Friday at 10 A. M. for the purpose of considering and taking action upon the requests filed by several of the defeated candidates for a recount of the vote in the recent county election. In addition to the contests of O'Bannon versus Treasurer-Elect Hochler, and Davis against Brockmorton for the House of Delegates, a request for a recount has also been registered by one of the three candidates for constable from Fairland District.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriages were issued yesterday in the Hastings Court to R. W. Linwood Melton and Alma Ruth Layne, George C. Parr and Moseley H. Baughan and to Henry E. Winston and Mamie J. Farmer.

LOCATING EXHIBIT

Manufacturers to Organize at Meeting Thursday Night.

Members of the Richmond Manufacturers' Exhibit will meet in Room 630 of the Jefferson Hotel Thursday night for the purpose of organization. The report of the committee on a suitable location will be discussed and recommendations made.

The exhibit will be modeled after that already in successful operation at Chattanooga, Tenn. Since the project was first suggested here those interested have been in constant communication with the Chattanooga organization, and recently have been advised that its growth has justified quarters much more capacious than two years ago, when the exhibit was situated in the city. It is believed that the Richmond exhibit will be one of the largest in the South within a short time.

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